

PARTY DISSENSION

Blasts the Hopes of Bryan in his
Cherished Ambition

TO BE THE NEXT PRESIDENT.

Serious Breaks Among the Silverites
and Gold-Democrats—Populists and
Socialists Can Not Follow the Kan-
sas City Nominee.

WASHINGTON, April 26.—It is with the party in power that internal dissensions are always first noted as a political campaign approaches. Thus far much has been heard of the sources of weakness in the Republican ranks, of the mistakes of McKinley, and the fatal blunders of Congress, but little of any such disrupting forces on Bryan's side. One would almost suppose that he made no strategic mistakes, and that within the lines of the untortured there were no factional disturbances.

Serious Breaks in Democratic Ranks.

This impression will soon be corrected. The reports of Bryanite dissensions are only "delayed in transmission." Within the very silver ranks themselves, to say nothing of the Gold Democratic opposition, there are already serious breaks that are giving its leaders here great apprehension. Of the two Populist conventions, it is generally accepted that one—that at Sioux Falls—will be under the control of Bryan men who will shape its action so as to help him to get into the white house. The middle-of-the-road convention at Cincinnati, on the other hand, is expected to antagonize him, and while its present visible support may be numerically weak its appearance in the field is of the utmost strategic advantage to a rival Populist ticket; he will at any time be desirous of having its proportions kept small, and hence he must constantly bid for the votes of those who might otherwise be attracted to it.

Can't Antagonize the Populists.

At least, he will have to avoid anything like hostility towards sound Populist doctrines, such as the referendum and the government management of all the things which the government is per se incapable of managing, or he would give an impetus to the Cincinnati ticket. Every time he takes a step toward any of these theories, in order to keep the Cincinnati following down small, he will by so much move away from the more bold minds of his followers in states like Indiana and Maryland. This means that he will have to walk a straight course. He cannot keep quiet, for he has no well established reputation as a sportsman which will permit him to pass a good part of the campaign in fishing, as did the last successful Democratic candidate for the presidency.

Socialist Vote Steadily Rising.

Another factor which is giving the Bryanites much concern is the steady rise of the Socialist vote, or Social-Democratic, as it is usually called itself. While its increase has been greatest in the east, there is no telling when its glittering theories will find a foothold right in the heart of the Populist domain. If it were not for playing with fire, the Republican national committee might find it profitable to set some good Social-Democratic missionaries at work in the doubtful states; all the support they gained would come from Bryan, for whoever would this year be attracted by their programme was doubtless pleased four years ago with so much of it as the Chicago platform offered.

Great Growth in the East.

The growth of this party in the east shows the available material for such an organization elsewhere. In the recent gubernatorial election in Rhode Island the Socialists polled 6 per cent of the total vote of the state. In the whole country they advanced between 1892 and 1896 from 21,000 votes to 33,000, and since that year their growth has been much accelerated. They polled 19,000 votes in Massachusetts alone in the last state election. So far as this presidential election is concerned, it can do the Republicans no great harm, while in some states such a margin of defection from Bryan would be decisive. The Socialists-Democrats are, as a rule, very strenuous people; they do not compromise, and are not alarmed by the fear of throwing their votes away. They thrive on labor disturbances, as history so clearly proves, and to-day there are fifty strikes in progress in the United States. Although immeasurably nearer the Socialists in theories and hopes, it is the Bryan-Democrats, rather than the Republicans, who are alarmed by their growth in numbers. These are only two of the forces which threaten to break up the Bryan camp, and the skirmishing has only begun.

DAY OF REST

For President and Mrs. McKinley.
Left for Washington.

CANTON, O., April 26.—President McKinley to-day continued in the full enjoyment of respite from official cares. He was satir early and had a business conference with men who look after his interests here. Later several old friends called at the Barber residence to pay their respects.

President and Mrs. McKinley paid another visit to their North Market street home during the morning. Soon after noon an informal luncheon was served at the Barber home.

Captain and Mrs. Lafayette McWilliam, of Chicago, and Mrs. J. Twing Brooks, of Sewickley, Pa., were present. At 4 o'clock, the party left on a special train for Pittsburgh, where their cars will be attached to the regular Washington train.

Secretary Cortelyou has announced that the President and Mrs. McKinley will return to Canton early in July and remain several weeks. Their home here will be completely refurnished and kept in readiness for them. Later in the summer the President, it is expected, will take a more extended vacation.

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"LITTLE JOE" SHOT.

By an Arrow From the Bow of Cupid.

Mrs. George W. Childs is Said to be Responsible.

NEW YORK, April 26.—A special to the Herald from Washington, says:

Persistent rumors again couples the names of General Joseph Wheeler and Mrs. George W. Childs, and this time there seems to be good reason to believe an announcement of their engagement to marry will be made.

When Mrs. Childs was asked for a confirmation or denial of the rumor she smiled and referred the questioner to General Wheeler. The gallant veteran also smiled when asked about it. He said:

"I'll tell you what I will do. I will see Mrs. Childs and ask her to answer your questions or authorize me to do so."

When seen later he said:

"Yes, I saw Mrs. Childs and I think you will soon receive your answer. Mrs. Childs said she would send you a note setting at rest all of these rumors."

No statement could be obtained from Mrs. Childs to-day. General Wheeler admitted, however, that at a luncheon in Philadelphia attended by Mrs. Childs and himself, they were congratulated by mutual friends upon their rumored engagement. These congratulations were accepted without denial, though General Wheeler now says they were unfortunate and untimely.

Editor's Awful Flight.

F. M. Higgins, Editor Seneca. (Ill.) News, was afflicted for years with Piles that no doctor or remedy helped until he tried Bucken's Arnica Salve. He writes two boxes wholly cured him. It's the surest Pile cure on earth and the best salve in the world. Cure guaranteed. Only 25 cents. Sold by Logan Drug Co., druggists.

FINANCE AND TRADE.

The Features of the Money and Stock Markets.

NEW YORK, April 26.—Money on call steady at 2 1/2 per cent; last loan 2 1/2 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 4 1/2 per cent. Sterling exchange unsteady at \$4 88 1/4 for demand and at \$4 84 1/4 for sixty days; posted rates \$4 85 1/4 for 60 days and \$4 89 1/4 for 90 days. Commercial bills at \$4 83 1/4 for 60 days. Mexican dollars 47 1/2 c.

Government Bonds Steady.

State bonds inactive. Railroad bonds strong.

The stock market developed an impressive show of strength during the latter part of the day. The principal influence in the rise was a resumption of the upward movement in Pennsylvania and the Baltimore & Ohio stock. The recent reaction in these stocks has been accompanied by rumors that important speculative interests which had been prominent in the advance had sold out and taken their profits.

The news of the very heavy outlays in prospect for permanent betterment and increased shipments awakened some apprehension of dividend increases being indefinitely postponed, not only on Pennsylvania stock, but on Baltimore & Ohio and many others which have been subject to rumors of increased dividends, but to-day the report of a probable increase in the Pennsylvania dividend rate took form again and was circulated with great excitement.

Bids were made on the board for the next semi-annual dividend on Pennsylvania on thousands of shares of stock, 2 1/2 per cent, compared with 2 1/4 per cent the last year. The meeting of the directors for the purpose of fixing the dividend rate is fixed for Tuesday next. These reports in regard to the Pennsylvania had the most indirect influence on Baltimore & Ohio stocks, next to pay itself, but the whole railroad had responded to the movement. The pools of operations for a rise were interrupted by the steel and wire episode, resumed their operations to some extent. This was notably true of the Gould southwestern group, which are subjects of teeming rumors of prospective combinations or consolidations. The determined firmness of Sugar and its buoyant return later had a sympathetic effect on the market. The movement is still attributed to the demand from the shorts, but the many assertions of favorable developments in the trade war may also have had their effect. A number of unusually favorable railroad statements also had a strengthening effect on the market. Increases in net earnings for March were reported by the Atchafalaya, Mohawk & Santa Fe of 63 per cent; by the Hocking Valley railway of 106 per cent and by the Central of Georgia of 30 per cent. Returns of gross earnings for the third week in April were also uniformly favorable. These factors of strength caused a growing uneasiness among the rather unwieldy short interest and the demand from that element had no small part in the rally in the market.

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